WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A communication controller for controlling communication between an apparatus and a network, comprising:

5   obtaining means for obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

language determining means for determining a language for creating a message;

message creating means for creating a message
10   based on the information obtained by said obtaining means in a language determined by said language determining means; and

notifying means for delivering a message created by said message creating means.

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2.   The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said language determining means determines a language based on location information obtained from said device indicating a location.

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3.   The communication controller according to claim 2, wherein said location information indicates a location where the apparatus is used, or to which the apparatus is shipped, or where the apparatus is
25   manufactured, or where the apparatus is sold.

4.   The communication controller according to

claim 1, wherein said language determining means determines a language based on language information that indicates a language to be used for the panel display on the apparatus.

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5.   The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said language determining means determines a language based on information obtained from the apparatus indicating a destination to which
10   the apparatus is shipped.

6.   The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said language determining means determines a language based on information indicating a
15   product name of the apparatus.

7.   The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said language determining means determines a language based on location information set
20   in a job to be processed by the apparatus indicating a location.

8.   The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said language determining means
25   determines a language based on a character code type for owner information that indicates an owner of a job to be processed by the apparatus.

9. A communication controller for controlling communication between an apparatus and a network, comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining information

5   concerning the apparatus;

message creating means for creating a message based on the information obtained by said obtaining means in a language specified for each destination to which the message is to be sent; and

10   notifying means for delivering a message created by said message creating means.

10. The communication controller according to claim 9, comprising:

15   setting means for setting a combination of a destination and a language; and

storing means for storing information indicating a combination of a destination and a language being set.

20   11. The communication controller according to claim 9, comprising:

sending means for sending to an external apparatus data describing a setting screen view for specifying a combination of a destination and a language, wherein

25   settings for a destination and a language are made at said setting screen view displayed on the external apparatus.

12. A communication controller for controlling communication between an apparatus and a network, comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining information

5 concerning the apparatus;

message creating means for creating a message based on the information obtained by said obtaining means in a language specified for each content type of the message; and

10 notifying means for delivering a message created by said message creating means.

13. The communication controller according to claim 12, comprising:

15 setting means for setting a combination of a message content type and a language; and

storing means for storing information indicating a combination of a destination and a language being set.

20 14. The communication controller according to claim 12, comprising:

sending means for sending to an external apparatus data describing a setting screen view for specifying a combination of a message content type and a language,

25 wherein settings for a destination and a language are made at said setting screen view displayed on the external apparatus.

15.   The communication controller according to claim 12, wherein message contents include those indicating a job termination, an error occurrence, and a need for consumable item replacement or replenishing.

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16.   The communication controller according to claim 1, comprising:

controlling means for determining the state of the apparatus based on information indicating the state of the apparatus and for controlling a message delivery by said notifying means in accordance with the result of the determination.

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17.   The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said message creating means determines the state of the apparatus based on information indicating a state of the apparatus and creates a message content in accordance with the result of the determination.

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18.   The communication controller according to claim 1, comprising:

controlling means for determining the state of the apparatus based on information indicating a state of the apparatus and for controlling a message delivery by said notifying means in accordance with set values indicating conditions for delivering a message and the

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result of the determination.

19.   The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said message creating means determines the state of the apparatus based on information indicating a state of the apparatus and creates a message content in accordance with set values indicating conditions for delivering a message and the result of the determination.

20.   The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein said message creating means inserts into a message sentence prepared in advance a message based on information obtained by said obtaining means.

21.   The communication controller according to claim 1, wherein it consists of a network board to be mounted on the apparatus.

22.   An apparatus, comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining information concerning said apparatus;

language determining means for determining a language for creating a message;

message creating means for creating a message based on the information obtained by said obtaining means in a language determined by said language

determining means; and

notifying means for delivering a message created by said message creating means.

23. The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said language determining means determines a language based on location information stored in said apparatus indicating a location.

24. The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said location information indicates a location where said apparatus is used, or to which said apparatus is shipped, or where said apparatus is manufactured, or where said apparatus is sold.

25. The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said language determining means determines a language based on language information that indicates a language to be used for the panel display on said apparatus.

26. The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said language determining means determines a language based on information stored in said apparatus indicating a destination to which said apparatus is shipped.

27. The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein

said language determining means determines a language based on information indicating a product name of the apparatus.

5   28.   The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said language determining means determines a language based on location information set in a job to be processed by said apparatus indicating a location.

10   29.   The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said language determining means determines a language based on a character code type for owner information that indicates an owner of a job to be processed by said apparatus.

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30.   An apparatus, comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining information concerning said apparatus;

message creating means for creating a message

20   based on the information obtained by said obtaining means in a language specified for each destination to which the message is to be sent; and

notifying means for delivering a message created by said message creating means.

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31.   The apparatus according to claim 30, comprising:

setting means for setting a combination of a
destination and a language; and

storing means for storing information indicating a
combination of a destination and a language being set.

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32. The apparatus according to claim 30,
comprising:

sending means for sending to an external apparatus
data describing a setting screen view for specifying a

10 combination of a destination and a language, wherein
settings for a destination and a language are made at
said setting screen view displayed on the external
apparatus.

15 33. An apparatus, comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining information
concerning said apparatus;

message creating means for creating a message
based on the information obtained by said obtaining

20 means in a language specified for each content type of
the message; and

notifying means for delivering a message created
by said message creating means.

25 34. The apparatus according to claim 33,
comprising:

setting means for setting a combination of a

message content type and a language; and

storing means for storing information indicating a combination of a destination and a language being set.

5   35.   The apparatus according to claim 33, comprising:

sending means for sending to an external apparatus data describing a setting screen view for specifying a combination of a message content type and a language, 10   wherein settings for a destination and a language are made at said setting screen view displayed on the external apparatus.

36.   The apparatus according to claim 33, wherein 15   message contents include those indicating a job termination, an error occurrence, and a need for consumable item replacement or replenishing.

37.   The apparatus according to claim 22, 20   comprising:

controlling means for determining the state of said apparatus based on information indicating a state of said apparatus and for controlling a message delivery by said notifying means in accordance with the 25   result of the determination.

38.   The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein

said message creating means determines the state of
said apparatus based on information indicating a state
of said apparatus and creates a message content in
accordance with the result of the determination.

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39.   The apparatus according to claim 22,
comprising:

controlling means for determining the state of
said apparatus based on information indicating a state

10   of said apparatus and for controlling a message
delivery by said notifying means in accordance with set
values indicating conditions for delivering a message
and the result of the determination.

15   40.   The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein
said message creating means determines the state of
said apparatus based on information indicating a state
of said apparatus and creates a message content in
accordance with set values indicating conditions for

20   delivering a message and the result of the
determination.

41.   The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein
said message creating means inserts into a message

25   sentence prepared in advance a message based on
information obtained by said obtaining means.

42. The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein it consists of a printer, a copying machine or a FAX machine.

5   43. A notification method for delivering information indicating a state of an apparatus, comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

10   a language determining step of determining a language for creating a message;

a message creating step of creating a message based on the information obtained by said obtaining step in a language determined by said language

15   determining step; and

a notifying step of delivering a message created by said message creating step.

44. A notification method for delivering

20   information indicating a state of an apparatus, comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

a message creating step of creating a message

25   based on the information obtained by said obtaining step in a language specified for each destination to which the message is to be sent; and

a notifying step of delivering a message created by said message creating step.

45. A notification method for delivering information indicating a state of an apparatus, comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

a message creating step of creating a message based on the information obtained by said obtaining step in a language specified for each content type of the message; and

a notifying step of delivering a message created by said message creating step.

46. A program for delivering information indicating a state of an apparatus, wherein it causes a computer to execute:

an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

a language determining step of determining a language for creating a message;

a message creating step of creating a message based on the information obtained by said obtaining step in a language determined by said language determining step; and

a notifying step of delivering a message created

by said message creating step.

47. A program for delivering information indicating a state of an apparatus, wherein it causes a

5 computer to execute:

an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

a message creating step of creating a message based on the information obtained by said obtaining

10 step in a language specified for each destination to which the message is to be sent; and

a notifying step of delivering a message created by said message creating step.

15 48. A program for delivering information indicating a state of an apparatus, wherein it causes a computer to execute:

an obtaining step of obtaining information concerning the apparatus;

20 a message creating step of creating a message based on the information obtained by said obtaining step in a language specified for each content type of the message; and

a notifying step of delivering a message created

25 by said message creating step.